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A NEWSLETTER THAT HAS NO NAME!

Welcome to the first edition of Shelton State's new faculty and staff newsletter. As of this moment, this newsletter still has no name. A contest is currently underway to name the new publication and over 90 entries have been received. The person who submits the winning entry will receive a $10.00 prize.

A committee is currently evaluating all the entries and the winning name will be announced shortly. A logo using the new name will be designed by Shelton State's Commercial Art Program.

IT'S AN HONOR

MURPHY TO ADDRESS NATIONAL WELLNESS CONFERENCE

MILADY MURPHY will be a featured speaker once again at the Seventh National Community College Wellness Conference scheduled April 7-10 in Natural Bridge, Virginia. To be selected as a speaker for a national conference once is an honor. To be selected each year as Dr. Murphy has been is indeed exceptional. The topic of her presentation this year will be "Building Community Support Through Wellness."

ARTS COUNCIL HONORS BLACKSHEAR

GLINDA BLACKSHEAR was recently named the 1994 Music Educator of the Year by the Arts Council of Tuscaloosa. The announcement was made as part of the Annual Druid Arts Awards Luncheon held at Indian Hills Country Club. Mrs. Blackshear directs the Shelton Singers and the Bach to Rock ensemble and teaches voice at the college. Mrs. Blackshear also works on many other projects at the college and within the community.

SHELTON LIBRARIAN HEADS STATE ASSOCIATION

DEBORAH GRIMES, director of library services at the college, currently serves as president of the Alabama Library Assocation. Composed of over 800 librarians from across the state, the Alabama Library Association represents librarians who work as para professionals in public and special libraries as well as in colleges and schools. Dr. Grimes is the first two year college librarian to serve as the organization's state president. A valentine campaign has been underway this month to promote Alabama's libraries. As state president, Dr. Grimes is scheduled to meet with the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives to determine ways the Alabama Legislature can support the campaign.

BLACK AND GROTE SELECTED WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AT SHELTON

LINDA GROTE and LYDA BLACK have been selected to represent Shelton State Community College in the 1994 Women of Achievement Awards sponsored by the Tombigee Chapter of the Girl Scouts of America. Mrs. Black was nominated for the Career Accomplishments category and Mrs. Grote for the Outstanding Educator category. The winners in all divisions will be announced during a luncheon scheduled for March 4 at the Sheraton Capstone.

Both women have been extremely active at the college. Mrs. Black currently chairs the Communications Technologies Division of the college as well as the college's Self Study Steering Committee. She was named Northport's Citizen of the Year several years ago. Mrs. Grote chairs the Fine Arts and Social Science Division of Shelton State and serves as one of the advisors for Phi Theta Kappa. In 1993 she was selected one of the top teachers in the United States.

TERRY ASSISTS WITH CONFERENCE ON YUCATECAN CULTURE

Shelton Spanish instructor MARILYN TERRY recently joined University of Alabama representatives and the University of Yucatan in organizing the Second International Conference on "Yucatan Culture: Colonization, Nation, and Nationalism." Mrs. Terry's husband, Dr. Edward Terry, director of the Alfred Barrea Vasquez Center for Yucatan Studies served as coordinator for the conference in the United States.

Several college representatives recently took a quickthree day trip to Minnesota to visit the highly successful Home and Building Control Branch of Honeywell Corporation. The purpose of the trip was to discuss a possible linkage agreement between the company and the college. The agreement would produce a Southeast Regional Training Center for the Honeywell Corporation and could have a tremendous impact on the acquisition of environmental control equipment that could be used as part of the college's new campus. The equipment discussed included air conditioning and heating units as well as fire and security detection devices. A second aspect of the proposal included using Shelton's air conditioning and refrigeration department as a potential training site for future Honeywell courses. A venture of this type would allow Shelton students in the program to become Honeywell certified. This trip was made possible through the continued support of the project by President Umphrey. Representing Shelton on the trip were Ted Spring, Hugh Kynard, Charles Payne, Tommy Taylor, and Sonny Logan.

MINDING SHELTON'S BUSINESS

In January several customized training programs for local businesses and industries were held. Multicraft, Hydraulics and pneumatics classes were offered to Uniroyal Goodrich employees. Supervisory training classes were also offered to some of Globe Manufacturing employees last month. Some of these classes were held in Shelton's Industrial Training Center and some were scheduled for the Fredd Campus.

NEW FACES AND PLACES

Seven new employees joined the Shelton State family during the month of January. After a national search, Terry Merrit was named the director of Shelton's new Travel and Tourism program. Anissa Lane was chosen to replace Bennie Ford, who retired in December, as Shelton's new biology instrucor.

Banessa Grace has been hired as a new computer programmer/operator and Leigh Wyatt as an instructional specialist in the Success Center. Lois (Lis) Turner is the library business and systems officer. Teresa Sprowl joins the Fredd Campus staff as a new secretary and Calvin Hall has been hired to work in the college's custodial services.

Two new part-time employees have joined the Shelton staff. Bonnie King is the new Self Study secretary and Marlec Ray has been assigned to the president's Skyland Campus office.

SPECIAL NOTICE

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications are now available for students who want to apply for six half-tuition junior college scholarships to Birmingham-Southern College. These scholarships are for the 1994-95 year and may be renewed for one additional year. To apply, a student must be a junior college sophomore with a 3.0 grade point average or above who plans to transfer as a junior in the 1994 Fall semester. Deadline for applications is February 25, 1994. Call 1-800-523-5793 for additional information.

FROM THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

The Department of Postsecondary Education has reviewed and approved four new program proposals. These programs are Cosmetology Instructor Training, Emergency Medical Services, I(Basic), Emergency Medical Services, II (Intermediate) Emergency Medical Services, III (Paramedic). All four classes offer a certificate as an award and require at least 26 semester hours.

In the approval letter for the cosmetology program, Dr. Gainous says, "Please know we appreciate the initiative of Shelton State Community College in developing a continuous career path for qualified cosmetologists who want to teach in the field of cosmetology."

In reference to the EMT program, Gainous added he appreciated the college's initiatve in acquiring the EMT program in order to provide students with the opportunities to become EMS technicians.

ATTENTION FACULTY AND STAFF!

NEW PROCEDURES FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS

New procedures have been developed by the Office of Postsecondary Education and the Governor's Office for processing out-of-state travel requests. Effective immediately, all travel requests must have the following:

1. Strong justification for travel. We received today a memorandum from the Governor's Office stating, "Effective as of this date, all requests for out-of-state travel must be accompanied by a letter stating fully the purpose and benefits of the requested travel. Please include copies of any pertinent documentation such as schedules, agendas, and programs. Any requests received not demonstrating the purpose and benefits of the out-of-state travel will be returned unsigned."

2. Completed form. This includes the social security number, breakdown of expenses, the type of fund (state/federal), and the name or number of the fund (general,auxiliary, athletic, etc.) . Indicating that expenses will be paid from state or federal funds is not sufficient. You must include the name or number of the fund as well.

3. Acronyms must not be used when describing an organization or meeting.

We still request that travel be sent at least 30 days in advance when possible, and that no travel be sent by facsimile unless an emergency exists.

HAPPENINGS ON CAMPUS

Tuscaloosa Small Motors held a one-day seminar on the C.A. Fredd Campus in January. Shelton State's Small Engine Articulation Committee was also invited. Johnny Morrow is the small engine instructor.

Thirteen Shelton State students will compete for the title of 1994 Miss Shelton State on Saturday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the Skyland Campus auditorium. The winner will represent the college at the 1994 Miss Alabama Pageant in Birmingham in June.

Miss Shelton State and the four runners-up will divide $1100.00 in scholarships that was donated by local community leaders and member of college's faculty and staff. This money will be applied directly to the nners' college tuition.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALENDAR

February 17: 12 noon - Skyland Auditorium. Program consists of a performance by the rap group, UNDERGROUND BASE MOVEMENT.

February 24: 12 noon - Skyland Auditorium. First Annual Black History Program will be held. Rev. George Cain will be the guest speaker.

February 24: 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon - C.A. Fredd Cafetorium. JOBS FAIR - Some of Tuscaloosa'a African American businessses along with major West Alabama employers have been invited to participate. Exhibits will be held from 9 -11:30 a.m.

FIRE COLLEGE RE-ACCREDITATION AFFIRMED

The Committee on Accreditation of the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications met recently and approved the request submitted by Shelton State Community College for the re-accreditation and extension of accreditation for the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission. The following courses have been approved again: 472 Hazardous Materials Technician; Hazmat First Responder Operational; Hazmat First Responder Awareness; 1001 Firefighter I,II; 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver Operator; Fire Apparatus Driver Operator (Pumper); Fire Apparatus Driver Operator (Tiller); Fire Apparatus Driver Operator (aerial); Fire Apparatus Driver Operator (Complete); 1003 Airport Firefighter; 1021 Fire Officer 1, 11, 111, IV; 1031 fire Inspector 1, 11, 111; 1033 Fire Investigator 1, 11, 111; 1041 Fire Instructor 1, 11, 111.

ELF STUDY REPORTS

Self study reports will begin this month and all faculty and staff are urged to attend. All of the meetings will be held on Mondays at 3 p.m. The purpose of these weekly presentations will be to communicate the results with the entire campus community and to provide a forum for open discussion of the findings.

There will be a door prize given away at each meeting compliments of the Shelton State Foundation. Special entertainment will be featured.

The first session will be held March 4 at 3 p.m. The discussion will center on the Purpose as well as the Principles and Philosophy of Accreditation.

FROM THE DEANS' OFFICES

EANS SEEK DOCUMENTATION OF IMPROVEMENT

by Dr. Arthur Howington

The SACS CRITERIA make it very important for the College to document all efforts to improve instruction. Many members of the faculty have taken steps to improve instruction based on some idea that they gleaned from the NISOD INNOVATION ABSTRACTS or some notion that they picked up at some professional meeting which they attended. Currently, we have no way to document improvement in instruction which has come from these sources.

By way of remedy, each member of the faculty is asked to provide the Dean with a brief written description of any instructional improvement which she (or he) has implemented and which came either from INNOVATION ABSTRACTS or attendance at a professional meeting. Nothing elaborate is called for, just something to put in the file to document improvements that are being made to improve isntruction.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SHELTON NAMED CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL SECRETARY EXAMINATION CENTER

Shelton State Community College has been named an established Certified Professional Secretary Examination Center by Professional Secretaries International. As an established certified center, Shelton's name will be released to all eligible candidates beginning with the May 1994 examination.

CPS Examination Centers are approved on the basis of being conducive to good testing. The actual use of an approved center depends upon the number of secretaries who qualify to take the examination. If a sufficient number of qualified applicants select a center on the list, the center may be used for that administration.

The CPS examination is administered by the Institute for Certification, a department of professional Secretaries International, and is a two day examnination that is offered twice a year. For more information on the CPS exam, contact Lyda Black, ext. 2438.

SHELTON STATE'S NEW CAMPUS MASTER PLAN NEARS COMPLETION

The architectural firm of Volkert & Associates presented the college with the first drawings of the new campus master plan on Thursday, January 20. The plans included six drawings of three design concepts for the proposed college. The first design is the "mall concept" which features the college operation in one large multi-story structure much like a shopping mall. The second design, the "linear mall" concept features one large structure, but has facets similar to a multi-building campus. The third design represents the traditional multi-building campus with eight to 10 single story/multi-story buildings.

During the initial review of the master plan, it was decided that the construction of the main building(s) would begin at the small pond near the front of the campus. Parking areas are to be developed around the building site. The athletic facilities would be near the center at the site behind the buildings. The Fire College buildings and drill field will be located on the northern section of the property site past the athletic facilities.

Tom Umphrey, Ted Spring, Rick Rogers, and Bill Langston met again with the architects on February 4 to finalize the design concept for the new campus. Architects have begun working on the actual design of the building(s) . The college hopes to break ground of the campus for streets, curbs, etc. by May.

As the master plans are developed and revised, they will be posted in the library on the Skyland Campus for your review. Your comments and suggestions are encouraged. Please contact Rick Rogers if you have any questions.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations on a wonderful start to 1994! The coming year promises to be an exciting time for our college as we move forward with several important projects. I want to express my pride and appreciation for all you have accomplished last year and for your enthusiasm in approaching our challenges in 1994.

The new campus plan continues to go well. On Jan. 20, the college was presented six drawings of three different design concepts. By early February a final decision will be made on selecting a central design for the building(s). The college is also in the process of completing the necessary arrangements for a bond issue. We anticipate going to the bond market within the next 60 days.

We also met recently with representatives from Aronov Realty regarding the purchase of our 15th Street Campus. By mid-February, we will negotiate a date that the campus will be vacated. The determining factor in setting this date of course will be decided by projected construction completion dates of our new campus.

Finally, the college has hired the firms of N.C. Morgan/Hall, Taylor and Peery /Hutt, Inc. to serve as construction managers for the building process. The three firms have entered into a joint venture to represent the college in the extremely important position. Having a local firm serve as construction manager will help insure that local construction firms and vendors are involved with the building process, thus creating a tremendous economic input for West Alabama.

As always I appreciate your suggestions and comments regarding these and other efforts. Tom Umphrey